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NOTES.

[HSCA Interview of Harold J.
Korenson] by Dan Haraway
& Charles Berk at HSCA
offices on 8/21/78, 10:15
A.M.

letter ✓

period photo White hair - glasses

[10 Georgetown N.
Greenwich, Conn.]

[Director of Security for
Greensboro Farms (?)]

N.Y.

was a VP for Intertel]

1/5/55 joined CIA
till 8/68.

1963 - two roles.

~~HARVEY?~~
~~DEPT~~
Special assistant to C/SAC
anythen C/SAC/CI.

worked with Harvey
& D.F.

Central Intelligence Agency
has no Objection to Release

Date AF SAN/126-D

2003

Flor? Subsequent senior rep
for Latin affairs in
Western Europe -
trouble shooter
also in Mid - East

Primary concern was CII;
did work in liaison
@ friendly services.

Function SAs: meaningful
except in context of memo
CI - heading it for
a microcosm of agency

liaison @ FBI.

Knew Harvey in FBI +
had common understand
@ H. re: his (S's) role.

protect against foreign
penetration, esp Cuba.
mount ops to penetrate
Cuba CUB?

SAs can be SA.

EPICRA.

CLASS?
NOA DAY?

got true names, psychos
 contacts & bio on C415
 officers - computer
 storage & retrieval.
 Travel info - also
 computerized.
 looked for disenchantment

[first in-depth knowledge
 of C415 functions from
 AMN, P.]
 while still exploiting
 info got AMMUG.

E brought him back to US
 Canadians hesitant.
 A/I brought operational
 files - tremendously
 valuable in debriefing.
 [NIP+]MUG best sources.
 tried to exploit their
 info on other C415
 officers

[NIP-] late 62 or 63.

before to defectors CIA
 info meager / sketchy

unreliable — "They were
goldmines!"

CUIs (4-2) changing
over 62 + 63.

by '64 was DOI - in
interim great deal
of training and progress

[NIP - Inception
MUG - up to date]

also received info from
all sources - other
stations, etc.

^{Phillips}
2 Computer systems -
separate from other
Computer indexing
doesn't remember
specific names -
still in existence when
he left -

coordinated but apart

[CIS] wouldn't have
access 'cept through [S.]

minimal contact @
CIS - "pretty much infor-

Mexi reports extracted
& included.

~~stora~~ [S] would go to Mexi for
certain CI things.

became C/SAs/CI can't
remember exact dates —
gradual movement after
2 tours overseas —
Harvey's special assist
to C/DI.

~~had @ him~~ close friendship @ Harvey
back to FBI days first
compartmentized.

[S was in Marines & spoke
Spanish.

87 at time of missiles unofficial
CI. Almost simul @ [D.F.] ARRIVAL

MVG valuable coz desk off
respon. for Mexi &
Central Am.

had ops files in tree
names, alias, local
country agents -
info so detailed -
commo & everything
I was able to go to
various countries to
work in this info.

ass'n attempts by CVIS
can't recall any.
thinks it unlikely -
met a number
of them - recruitment
& elicitation
mesicore officers. in
terms of professionalism
most didn't have the
stomach.

never found any indication
except in encouraging
revolutionary actions.

as organization? capable?
"iffy"
conceivable but doubtful
too leaky & careless
& in that jealous.

mediocre but improving
magically.

recruitment attempts.

[Mexi?] 60-63?

he did / ~ successful
but partially - unaware
well known to [NIP-]
got him to hotel room -
at time Castro's sister
defected. bailed him out -

thought meeting C's
sister - guy was
wavering - considered
working for CIA but
changed mind. - C's sister
defected at time of meeting

- problems - and he
decided - to do it.

can't remember name
wasn't [Rig.]

Ross] no successful recruitment
in Mexi that he recalls.

Bergman] QJ/WIN - ZRRIFLE -
means nothing to him

TALL
SKINNY (guy)
light brown
complexion
complexion
dissatisfied
@

Chief of
CIVS IN
EMBASSY.
At that time

↑
position
IN
EMBASSY?

Ross

MUG -

first indication that
"OGI" even existed.

MUG - was aware of people
in all C.A. + Mexi. D.G.I
activities.

bona fides firmly established
he was completely dissatisfied

files - none that dealt
@ LHO or JFK assas.

11/22/63 - immediately caused
search of files @ no
response.

MUG - was reliable + held
confidence of CIA.

[S got him coz he was most
knowledgeable of CVIS -
went to Cen. self to
✓ out bona fides.

once brought A/I back
various people delegated

to babysit & etc.

Hidalgo, [Flores,] [Vivian Berry,]
Joe Piccalo.

H was a case officer —
"did whatever I told him
to." great Spanish - Cuban
dialect — enthusiastic
ingratiating — great
babysitter — lots of
physical defects

no recall of ap use in
Mexi — but he did have
a host of info — not
close enough to people in
Mexi as [NIP] was.

[Miguel Roche]

[NIP] very effective —

[star basketball player.]

no recollection of
~~penetrations~~ at Cubem.
but did have observa-
tion posts.

Sez Bishop sketch could be a
lot of people.

~~He~~ should have known of penetrations but doesn't mean he would have. Penetrations should have had a CT chick.

~~Curtis~~ no knowledge of Cuban penetration of us.

[Will Kirby - Retired
Piccolo]

[Austin Horn] deceased could have had knowledge but would have called to his attention.

doesn't think Whitten had to do @ Mex.]

~~old~~ holding 2 and 2. may have often gotten more than 4". Jealous & ambitious

jump & overestimate value
not completely objective but very bright.
tendency to subjective coloring.

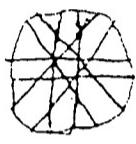


Aware of W. response.
Can not recall.
did not assist.

Phillips &
prop. of:

Documents

CIA # 3709 shown.



[S]wrote cable - initial assessment.
"Speaks for itself"



3710

para. E.

Commercial attaché - doesn't recall who it was now. Others mentioned? can't at time.

man he talked to was, he thinks, the commercial attaché.

3711

para. H

he is Langosh (p.)

Canadian debriefing approx.
10 days.



tried to give HQ idea of how valuable he was so got State to pressure to give him to us.

notes in head - did not tape the debriefings must have been [RCMP] 29

[5.] was circumspect coz suspected [Canadians] of taping.

- most debriefings in U.S.
- taped but took notes - wrote up detailed report for indexing + distribution Meetings for interest desks - asked for questions

reports would have been kept in SAS/CI + disseminated to interest desks on need to know basis.

has never heard of debriefing report # 40.

"SI" - obvious thing was Special intelligence PDD



but honestly doesn't know what it would stand for.

DD required a special clearance staff & sources very sensitive. ... did I want to compromise by taking actions that would reveal that we had broken code.

Cannot remember anything done on DHO case.

If report 40 originated outside of DD would I have included their material retention would have meant they were working on it.

CIA

3670 shown

5] "one I obviously prepared but I don't remember it." probably was a debriefing report.

D.D. wouldn't have retained may have tried to break a code.]

WTI/PO/A - doesn't know what that would have been.

Sturgis - no recollection of MUG mention

reviewed JMWAVE personnel for penetrations by CUS or as contacts into Cuba.

assumes Hunt knew Sturgis from Bay of Pigs.

3691 shown.

[S] thinks probably did write.
para 1 -

cannot recall what kinda contacts but would have been what MUG told him.

Lauria - no recollection.
name came up coz MUG told him that.

follow-up?

[S] had no connections @ WC but would have sent memo to CIs

talks about questioning tech.
to avoid letting interviewee
know what point was
significant + spurious name
+ Mongolian ponies as
example.

No knowing deception on
MUG's part.

had there been more detail
would have been in memo

no knowledge of L/C/CIA
relationship

3695 shown

no recollection
accurate quote
normal O.P.
doesn't remember seeing
or talking.
how reconcile? op + w.c.?

? ? Anfleten ran some ops
out of vest pocket

[S. I wanted opportunity to exploit MUG info / contacts & milk him dry. ^{from MUG}
Terrorist transit example
 Foreign ministers meeting. + visits to chief's of state.

no knowledge that MUG ever talked to W.C.

3699 shown.

[S wrote it.
 Don't recall specifics but would be way handled.

L.C. - still no recall of particulars — she would have been of interest & in machine run - contacts etc [S.] would have written a memo for 201.

no recall of crypt for machine runs.

Contacted? possible but no specific memory

Calderon
 Rodriguez
 VEGA.



female assets - Cuban - Mexi
no particular recall.

3703 shown.

S did write

second hand info.

never determine Americans I.D.
did - know L.C. as CIA agent
visa section accurate.

doesn't think R. ever
spoke to A/I but doesn't
know.

polygraph - recollection
is that he was clean all the
way

3682 shown.

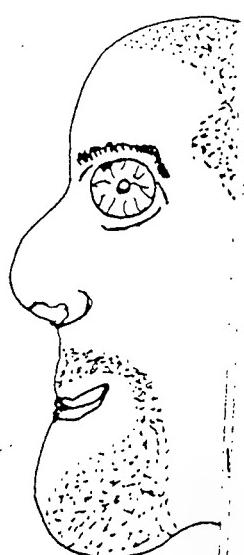


L.C. -

if he had dealt @ WC he would
have given him earlier memo.

Doesn't know Rocca that well

CIA 1950-54 shown.



three pieces of info sign
if he had been in Mexi
would have explored
in greater detail, but
this part of problem
is that everything
compartmentalized.

thinks W.S. would have
done more - would have
tried to interrogate the
3 people - polygraph -
enticement.

at time would have been
big enough to have called
for a more stringent inves
but at that time Mexi
not strong on CI

!?! suggests exploring w Phillips
doesn't recall seeing any of
the transcripts - racks it up to
overzealous compartmentalization.

[S] would have thought that Scott would have jumped on this.

knows of no instance of recruitment
no clearance.

3675

R

[Nico Garcia] is guy pitched
@ [NIP] help (earlier)

doesn't remember much about
Ruiz.

Viciana + crypt remembers
rings no bells.

3717

doesn't remember seeing
T.P. remembers name vaguely
as dedicated commie
no knowledge of attempted
recruitment or of membership
in DFI.

3715.

would have done jointly
to Bureau - talked to Papich
excellent cooperation.

D.O.S. - was known Domestic
Operations Division

DOD innocuous & open later
became DCD.

DOD engaged in clandestine
exploitation in U.S. - not
good rapport & cooperation
to FBI.

Info on sister should be
available from DOD or JMWAVE
never heard of black tape

E AMROD -] no bells.

3714 - paragraph 2. - still no
bells.

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3666

Senate didn't have copy.
FBI called him.

felt AMLAST insecure.
opposed ass'n on practical
[] grounds.

group was untrustworthy
& leaky.

risks unacceptably high.

C knew group plotting ass'n in 62
& good possibility that
AMLAST was turned.

doesn't know how much
C knew - suspects C suspected
agency complicity. "high
probability" coz nature of
group & leaks.

never knew as fact that
any in group were C agents.

[Madrid] security problem.
meeting places known.
as far back as '63

"did not think security, generally,
was very good."

HUNT?

probability that C knew of
agency backing AMLASH
very high in light of all
factors.

AT

people at SAS certainly
knew AMLASH was an
ass'n plot.

?? ??

CI, EO, JMWAVE certainly
aware. Despite compartmentation
at least on basis of gossip.

discussed @ D.F. - knew
how he felt - @ Helms -
he went through channels.
It was up to [D.F.] to bring
it up @ Helms.

didn't know of Hunt's trip to
Spain.

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CI/SIC - no bells.

[Show I would probably have been CI person in MEXI
x Phillips should be most knowledgeable about these things due to delegation from Scott
and 2:40 p.m.

A//

Piccolo - good intel motives
[Vicente Barrios] admn assst, good
~ (Petrovsky) at record -

w/ A// had [Vicente]
sit in + then look
for collateral info to
substantiate a report
A// knowledge -

A// provided accurate + reliable -
didn't build hypothesis - gave
hard information -
above-average intel - good
memory - very shrewd -

assumes in Florida -
last contact in 1965 -

under direction - did operations for CIA
[4.5] took A// to El Salvador
to try + arrange meetings w/
CVIS people

My G Cuban observation post -
significant photos would have
gone to Mexican desk -
wouldn't have sent photos of uncd
American photos to HQ unless knew significance
of photos

[H.S] assumes CIA + FBI had
agreement to identify un'cd American
who had contact w/ Bloc Country
embassies

never heard of [TUMBLEWEED]

knew WIN SCOTT quite well

* { never saw LHO photos in front, Cuban
Embassy - doesn't know who found them

doesn't know [Dan Meegan]

{ does know [Charlotte Bustos] quite
well - never heard that she
had found photo of LHO - good
memory - very astute, meticulous
woman & has made mistakes
in descripts in dossier cable -

[H.S.] resp. for determining if
Anti-Castro groups had been
penetrated by CUBS - including in
[REDACTED] Miami -

{ doesn't specifically recall DRIA
does remember ALPHA-66

Manolo Rizegroup - any penetration recalls that was run loosely - could have been better screened

Dave Phillips - PPOps - not well round as far as CI work - too trusting - inexperienced

3670 - doesn't recall

3713 - A/I never said anything about Sturgis -

no one went w/ H.S. Jackson went to see [Espinosa] but FB/ agent went - head of Cuban Operat Frank LNU -

never heard of [Espinosa] before that -

never " of [Mike McClancy]]

had little to do w/ Angleton doesn't know what operation he ran J.A & Wm Scott knew each other well

doesn't know if Dave Phillips ever initiated propaganda - post JFK assas.

never heard of CI/516

HBR

20/3659 Ruiz - refresh recollection

- ✓ 21/3670 - ① ~~why const~~
Did you write
② Was it coded [did you]
[break it]
③ what is the reference

UOSwald Report No. 40
What is SI

{ Black Tape 201 -

{ What is [AMROD -] see 3714 # 3
what about Proenza

22/3666 - 1) who was [Espinosa] ^{connection to Howard}
when was written + what were his [allegations]
2) # 2 a who was "Totu"

seen 10/3669 QSU/PTM
A C See 3667 3 A(2) - what does this mean

3668 - top # - you consider it an assasplot -
by U.S. govt & CIA

[Swenson] Interview

1. Release Letter
2. Mandate + Purpose
3. name, address, age, occupation
4. CIA position in 1963
5. other CIA positions until retirement
6. what is WH/SAS/CI - its function -
your function

a) Is WH/SAS/CI same as WH/SAS/CI



7. How much was known about CUIS
by CIA - how was info gained
^{in 1963 - 1964}
at any knowledge of pol. assas. carried out
by CUIS

b) what was DSI - how was it organized
Arg DSI - CIA agents

8. ~~#~~ Familiarity w/ crypt Ammug-1

a) who was he

b) when did he defect

c) w/ what into

d) how significant

e) where is he now

f) who handled him + in what
order

g) what was your responsibility

vis a vis AMMUG-1 - for how long

h) what was his operational use

why did
you handle
him

- h) i) - Was he used to attempt
 penetration of DSI
 2) did he succeed - against whom
 3) did CIA have penetration
 agents at Mexysta at
 time LHO visited - who -
 i) what were crypts + names

9. [REDACTED] Did WH/SAS have a "domestic
 exploitation section" - what purpose

Docs ¹⁰

① Is this accurate

[OTTA 1602]
 3709

Did you ever hear of / see any
 concerning A/I

- ② 3710 # E - Accurate
- who was comm'l attach
 - any other DSI
- ③ 3711 # G - what docs did A/I
 bring out - did any pertain to
 LHO
- ④ 3711 # H - indicates LANGOSCH -
 know that you
- how long did you brief [A/I] in OTTA
 - where + w/ whom
 - how did you record info - how was
 it seen to CIA HQ
- 3712 ⑤ see 3713 # S - did A/I know F. Sturgis
- Did Sturgis work for you

b) 3713 - #7 - who was [Amnipp] -]
what kind of info did he provide
did [Amnipp] know Sturgis - was
[Amnipp] Sturgis

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- ① 3691 - Did you write this
② How many times did LHO visit
embassy
③ Did you see the MxCY photo surveillance
OTOS of LHO - when
④ Who was Luisa Calderon - what is
her significance
⑤ Did A/I ever indicate that LHO had
actual contact w/ DGI
⑥ Do you believe in light of memo
that LHO had contact w/ DSI in MxCY

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3695 - ~~Did you write this~~ - Did you ever
see this memo -

- 12
① Is this memo accurate
3696 ② ^{bottom of 3695} top of page - how was
operall exploitation of A/I
+ responsibilities to WC
satisfied

③

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- 13 ① Did you write this
3699 ② ^{Ag.} why the interest in Luisa Calderon
③ Was she CIA agent
3700 ④ Was access obtained to referenced people

⑤ Do you know what we was told about A/I and knowledge of LHO

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3703

① any special reason for not giving report in Q+A form
② was this verbatim from a tape recording - what would happen to tape recordings

3704

③ top - Did Reg see LHO
④ Is it accurate vis a vis granting of visas - see P 3707

⑤ Rogelio Rodriguez - what were his DGI responsibilities (^{sabotage or assas.})

⑥ 3705 - was it ever determined if Luisa was contacted by referenced American - who is the American

⑦ Silvia Dwan - was she DGI - was she CIA - Did CIA contact her

⑧ 3706 - Did Rocca speak to A/I

⑨ LCFIUTTER - ~~Was~~ Was A/I asked about LHO - what was the response

14 June 69 15/3682 - ① Have you ever seen this
3684 - ever see this - is it accurate

② Do you know why Willers didn't
3687 ③ why was ^{see memo of} little info on LHO given

Did anyone at CIA ever indicate to you that Luisa had significant

④ Why not told about ~~rumor~~
of CIA assoc

16/3679 ① Did you write this
② what does ~~ZR~~ by the
names mean
how was it filed
(3)

17 3675 Ruiz ① Did you know
he was Veciana's
cousin -
② Was he DGI -
③ Discover any connections
ever asked to
investigate

CALDERON - remember to ask
PP 1950-1954 ^{if same} conversations.

18 3717 ~~██████████~~ ① ever seen, +
② who is Carlos Blanco
③ Teresa Proenza - who is
she - ~~she~~ was secret
agent Did you know Dave Phillips,
Did he run Dirty Trick on her
3719 ④ Did you get a report on
her -

19/3715 - Did you know [L1/9 -]
① what about sister
② what is dom. expl. &
what sister contacted